



In Paris, we lived across the hall from a Grand Dame of fallen, faded glory after her family's money was all gone; a true White Russian (not the drink but a former Lady to the Court of Czar Nichols in St. Petersburg) who had fled to Paris



after the Soviet Civil War had consumed both her father and all three of her brothers - who remained true to the Royal Family until they were executed by the Reds in far off Siberia.

Emil would spend countless hours hanging on every word she spoke as he dutifully listened to her bold tales, sad adventures and then begged her to start over again...

Her dad and her elder brother had started their long military careers fighting in a war that I believe most people couldn't recall even if you offered them cash money to do so.

This was the Sino-Russian War of 1905 that was fought at the edge of the world between the brave lads of the Imperial Guard against the pretenders of empire (Nippon).

The war was long, bitter to it's end, it spanned nearly the length of Old Asia (Siberia, China and Jossen/Korea) and was (up till the Industrial Slaughter Wars that would come later) one of the deadliest fights in the history of the world. Funny...No one remembers it? The Grand Dame is long gone and all that remains is the equally battered, fried brain



of Emil left to pass on her histories of a day when the world still fought war as they had in olden times and where there were still a league of classical heroes and equally evil, fowl villains.

Lucky for us, we still have the drawings that were inspired by her stories to fill in the blanks in Emil's lagging memories.

What else is there?

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The wire spoke news of the latest fight in the war sent over the single telegraph wire that runs along the Trans-Siberian Rail line all the way to Moscow and then to St.

Petersburg. It read in part:

"Meantime, the Nipponese grip was tightening on Port Arthur..."

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This was true and the local business community pleaded with the Governor to evacuate the women and children of the port to the safety of Vladivostok or to Shanghai for the foreign elements of the community.

The Governor shrugged his shoulders and walked away as he was afraid to dishearten



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the angry crowd with the notion of "That time has come and gone" as the Nipponese Fleet was successfully blocking the outer harbor and sea lines.

The Governor was assured that they would violently riot if they truly understand that the only thing more deadly (at that



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movement) than setting out to sea was the idea of staying in this city awaiting the Nipponese's main attack.

He had secretly toyed with the suggestion of the Chinese Counselor that he declare Port Arthur an "Open" City under the protection of the Emperor of China as this would



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Army from entering the city with a mind to loot, burn or even rape the fair Russian Women who had remanded behind.

There had been a bitter, pitch fight on July 4 for the possession of one of the hills that surrounded the northeast part of

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Port Arthur, the Russians lost 100 men killed and another fifty-odd-so were wounded.

The dead were easy to deal with as the city council in coordination with the local Bishop and town's Business Council had all agreed that proper, traditional burials were a luxury that the community could no long afford and

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agreed (that for now) all the dead would be buried in a grand ditch dug out behind the main courthouse lined with the last of the industrial lime to avoid contamination of the ground water (clean water was starting to yet become another concern).

The wounded was yet another matter as the

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hospital was already packed and overflowing with wounded soldiers.

The Governor cursed himself for secretly thinking that if he had left those last fifty soldier out on the hill a tad bit longer then, there might be more too burry.

Medicine was in short supply and the

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prospect of supply ships arrived to replenish the hospital's medical stock was but a fancy dream of a dead man walking.

The Japanese had occupied the second range of hills around Port Arthur and had tried to march upon the Russian Marine Camp that commanded the high ground in the principal



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pass through the hills, directly blocking every attempt by the Nipponese to advancement on Port Arthur by land.

This camp was considered vital to the safety of the Port City, and it was guarded by 20,000 marines and sailors that were a unlikely weave of Imperial Guards, local



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militias, garrison reservist from Eastern Siberia and even a handful of Foreign Legionnaires on loan from the local French Council.

The Germans like the Chinese had just seemed to disappear over night.



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security and this reporter can testify that it is difficult to report on what is happening within the war zone as Admiral Togo's Staff has been successful in veiling operations in almost absolute secrecy to all members of the International Press Corp.



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Through independent sources it is fair to say that since the start of this current campaign, the mere mention of Port Arthur will get even a seasoned reporter cast overboard on Admiral Togo's Flagship without second thought or a life raft.



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These sources confirm that it is generally believed that the Japanese Navy was daily tightening their relentless grip on the besieged city of Port Arthur, and they speculate that a final assault, followed by the fall of the fortress, was now only a

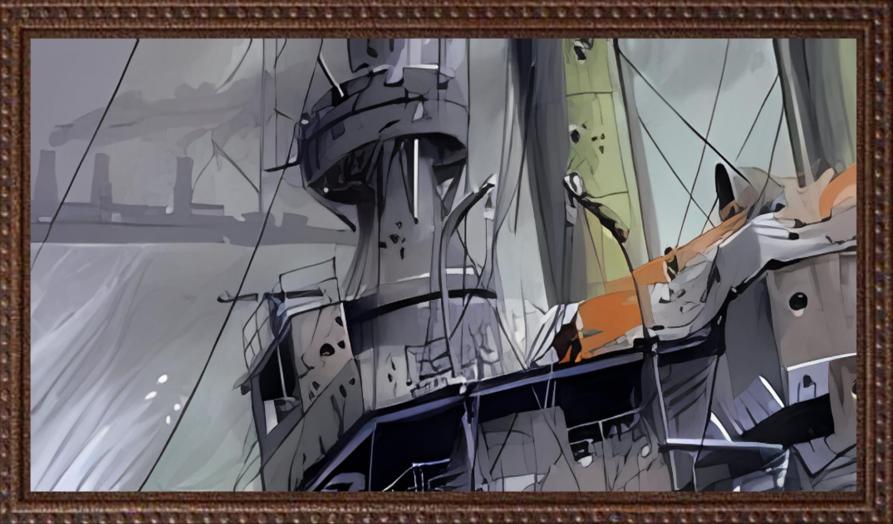


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matter of weeks away.

The fleet of Admiral Togo is constantly in motion day and night and was frequently engaged with elements of the Imperial Russia Pacific Fleet, but the forces and number of guns available to this battle group is a deeply



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held operations secret which probably not be revealed until after the final and decisive action or maybe not until the Admiral's autobiography is published after he heads off to retirement.

Fragmentary information does seem to filter



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out from various sources, especially the Chinese Mission in Tokyo until recently, when the Nippon Parliament voted that any unsanctioned publication was forbidden under a severe penalty life in prison or in some cases, death.

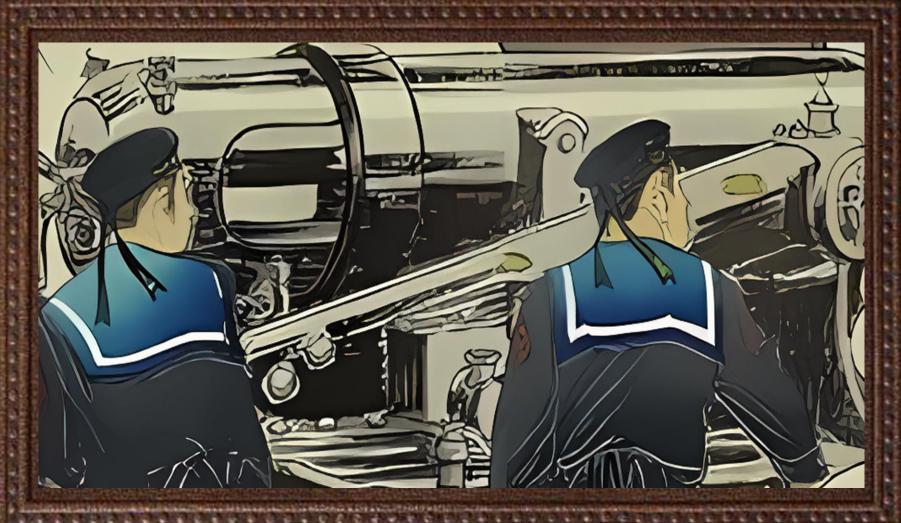


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The Prime Minister and the Foreign Office have reinforced that for the success of the ongoing war effort, Embargo on News Absolute.

Much concerning the siege of Port Arthur could be published without any injury to the



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Japanese cause, but the Admiral Togo's general staff, resolved to avoid even the remote chance that the International Press Corps might secretly be aiding St. Petersburg or Russian Gen. Kropotkin by seriously throwing a young cub reporter for

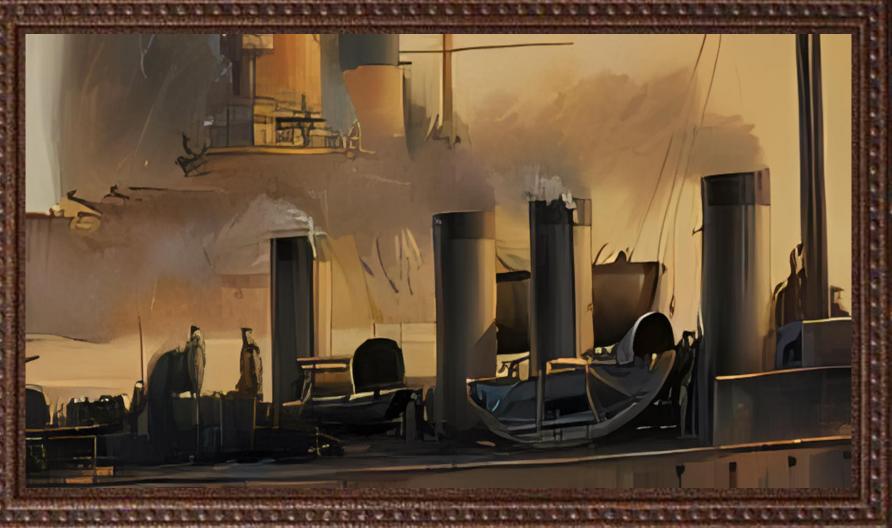


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the Straight Times overboard while in harbor to illustrate their seriousness – they later rowed out and dried him off.

Pardon my general posts are rather limited to general human-interest shipboard stories due to the Admiral's absolute embargo on the



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transmission of all news.

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On Friday night, July 8, during a storm, a flotilla of torpedo boats under Admiral Togo's command made a daring approach on



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the harbor entrance to Port Arthur.

On the following morning, one of the torpedo boats found and attacked the Russian Cruiser Askold that was at anchor in the harbor.

Alerted by harbor security the crew of the Askold successfully fired on one of the



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approaching torpedo boats causing serve damage and it was reported that two junior Nippon Petty Officers were severely wounded.

On Monday, July 11, Nipponese torpedo boats (again) approached the entrance of Port

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Arthur's main harbor and attacked a Russian Harbor Tug Boat outfitted with one of their new {CLASSIFIED} Diana type of finned torpedoes.

Turning back the Nippon attack several Russian Cruisers along with two gunboats and



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seven destroyers made to open sea preceded by mine clearing steamer reaching a point between Senkaku and Lungwantan where they were over taken (by surprise) by a large flotilla of Japanese torpedo boats and returned to Port Arthur, reentered at 4



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PM in the afternoon with one of the Russian Cruiser limping back into the harbor with visible damage according to the operations report submitted by Admiral Togo to Tokyo.

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This is from a clipping that Madam Kristina kept as her middle brother Karl was on that crippled Russian Ship on that July Day.

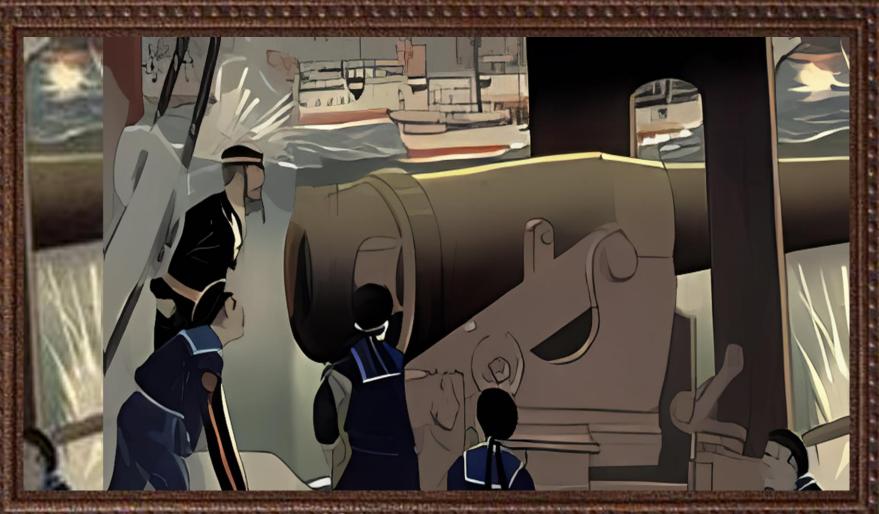
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At dawn on August 31st, Nipponese artillery fire was brutally resumed with a thunder that could be heard for miles away.

The massiveness and swiftness of the attack drove the few remaining Russian troops from an unfortified hill on the extreme right but,



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their ground attack on the fortified hill on the Russian left flank ground to a bloody halt as the Russian force had time to steady their defenses and repealed repeated waves of charging Nipponese forces supplemented with a newly arrived regiment of Chinese Militia raised from local Warlords.



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As the morning dragged on, the morning's artillery duel continued to increase in strength with the hilltop Russians answering shot for shot.

The Nipponese under the cover of a moonless night, had moved their big guns forward and they were well hidden under ripening corn



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eight feet high, and they were hardly visible to the Russians lookouts.

The Hilltop Commander received word from his forward scouts of the Nipponese movements and immediately trained his artillery on the surrounding fields who



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searched the corn fields with shrapnel.

The quick thinking by this commander caused heavy Nipponese losses, but it failed to silence the guns.

By mid-morning, the Nipponese brought into action four of the fifteen-centimeter guns



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they had captured from the Russians at Nanshan Hill, turning their attention to the Russian's ammunition supply chain which had recently arrived been drawn by hand from Russian controlled railhead nearly 200 miles away.



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At noon, a whistle blew across the surrounding fields and all at once the fire of all the Nipponese guns was concentrated on the Russian Trench at the end of a hill on the extreme left of the main Russian position.

For over a long hour, Nipponese shells and massive shrapnel rained down upon this



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trench and the smoke of bursting shrapnel and the dust of exploding shells hid the position from the line of sight of the Russian Command Bunkers.

The artillery ceased after that hour and the Waves of Nipponese infantry charged from

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an adjoining hill despite the face of heavy return fire from the Russian and were caught in a terrible crossfire from the big Russian artillery guns posted on another hill farther to the rear of the frontline.

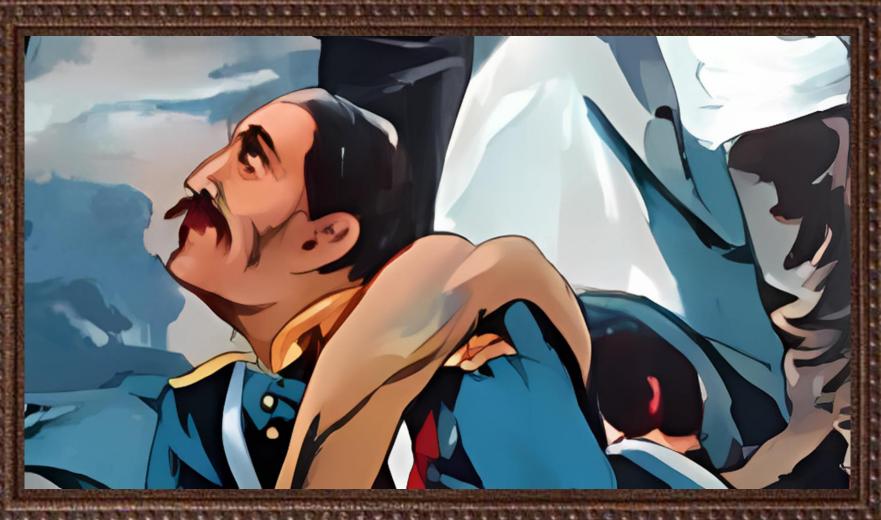
Charging the Russian Trenches, the first wave of Chinese Militia blogged down, caught



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in the strong wire entanglements, military pits, and exploding lands mines but, this failed to stop the advance, and in spite of the enormous casualties they took the trench at the point of the bayonet, driving the Russians back the length of the hill.

Fighting was still in progress and without an



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opportunity for Russia Troops to withdraw Russian Command turned the comigrated fire of scores of their big guns against them in an effort to dislodge them.

This heavy fire was maintained until nightfall, but did not drive the Nipponese out.



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Both sides kept up an artillery fire all through the night of Aug. 31, and by 3 AM in the morning, the Nipponese attacked came to a sudden silence.

A previous survey of the Russian position showed a hill defended by three lines of integrated intrenchments.

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The bottom of the hill was defended by wide assortment of various wire entanglements, hidden pits, and petrol ditches.

The Nipponese advance was in no small part due to the bravery of a ragged company of Nipponese engineers guarded by Chinese Militia Troops cut the entanglements despite

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a terrible slaughter which later was reported to be seventy-seven out of eighty of the Nipponese Engineers.

With the first defense line neutralized by the Engineers, men of the Xagoya, the most famed unit of the feared second army, stood behind the human shield of the remaining



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Chinese Militia to lead the charge directly up the side of the hill. They took the first trenches with a mad run rush the quickly overwhelmed the shell-shocked Russian Defenders.

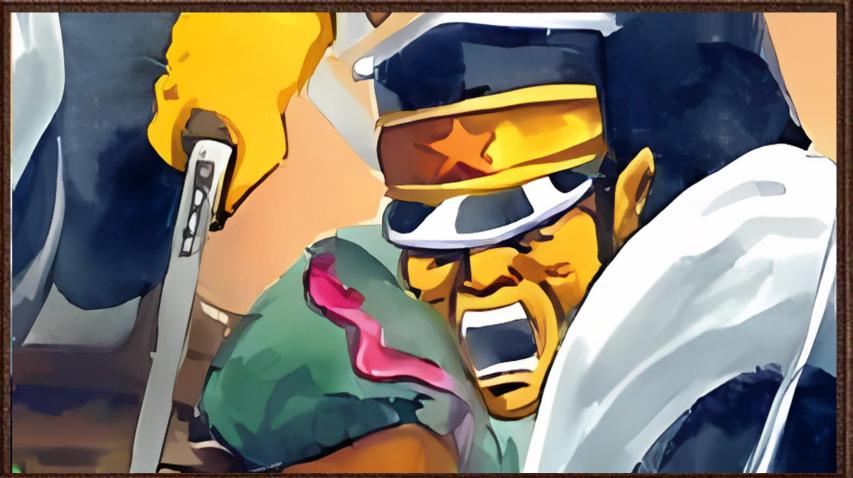
Up into the second trench, the Xagoya met the enemy in a hand-to-hand fight, and



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pushed on to the top of the hill, treading on their own dead as they advanced.

The trench and command bunkers at the crest of the hill were taken after a shorter round of hand-to-hand fighting with the Russian Commanders being driven out at the point of the bayonet and with clubbed guns.



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The next day showed the sheer weight of the fight was clear as thousands laid dead, killed in this charge and the trenches were filled with the mingled bodies of Nipponese and Russians.

In many cases attackers and defenders were found dead clutched in each other's arms.



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As there was in previous battles, Chinese Porters were allowed to remove the dead under a temporary cease fire from both sides and this went on well into the following days which was a God sent for both sides for each side to have time to recoup and reconstruct the most effected units.



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A later Russian Commission showed the short sightedness of the local command had been the pre-battle assessment(s) that the overrun position(s) were apparently unassailable and it should be held by one man against twenty.

The taking of this hill ended the defense

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of this line of positions, the Russian might be forced to evacuated after even the slightest Nipponese resistance.

The Daybreak of September 1st, showed a large Nipponese flag floated over the hills that was seen way into the valley. Now that the Given the fact that the Nipponese had



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already begun to turn the hills into an advance fire unit as they now held the high ground and could easily reach anywhere in the valleys below; the Russians started to retire in good order back toward Liaoyang and out of range of the new Nipponese Artillery.



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While the Russian Defense proved strong, with many common soldiers fighting to the death to not give up an inch; the Commission found that it was a main Russian Commander who panicked by the mere thought of a Nipponese victory ordering the massive artillery barrage without giving the local



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field commanders an opportunity to extract their remaining soldiers before the bombing attack - which (according to the Commission's findings) lead to the vast majority of the Russian Causalities especially on the hilltop trenches. The Commission recommended that this commander be hung.





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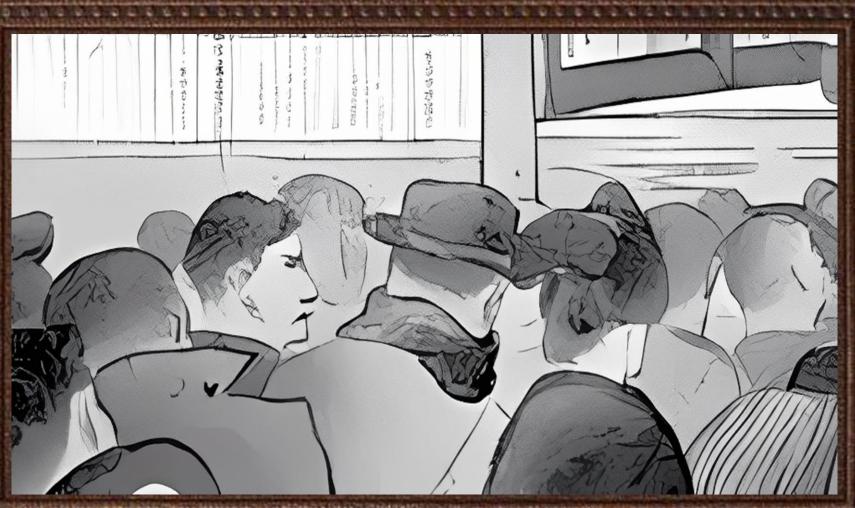


































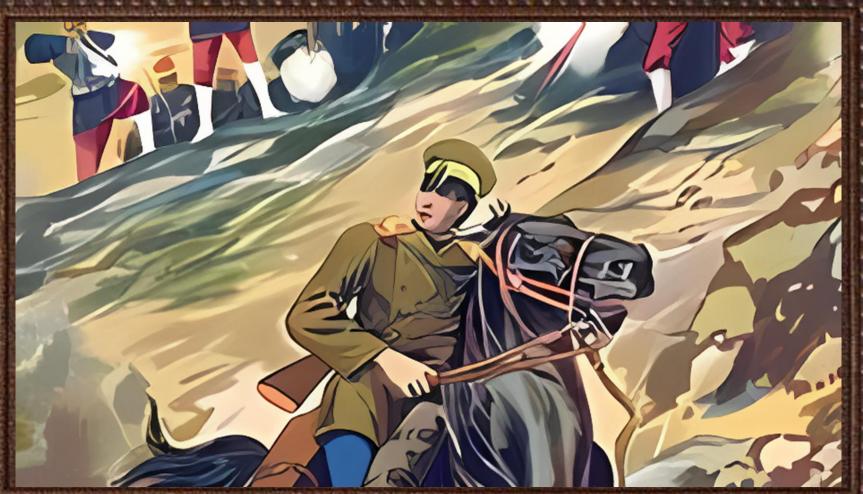






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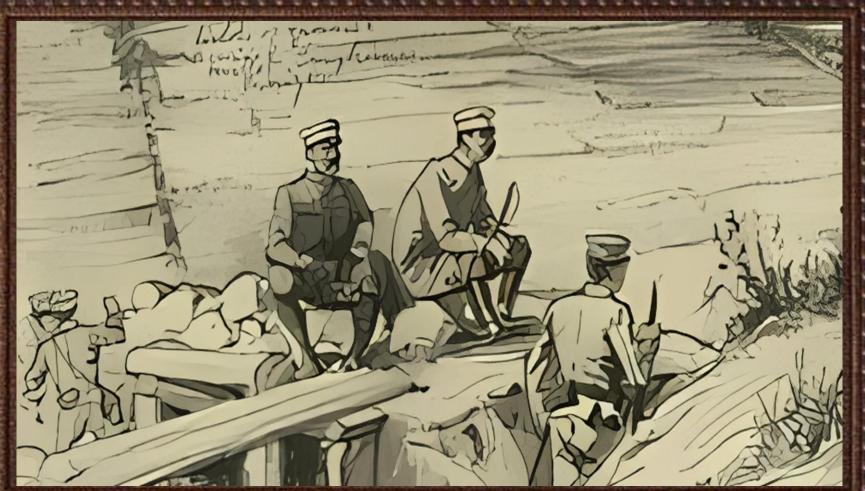
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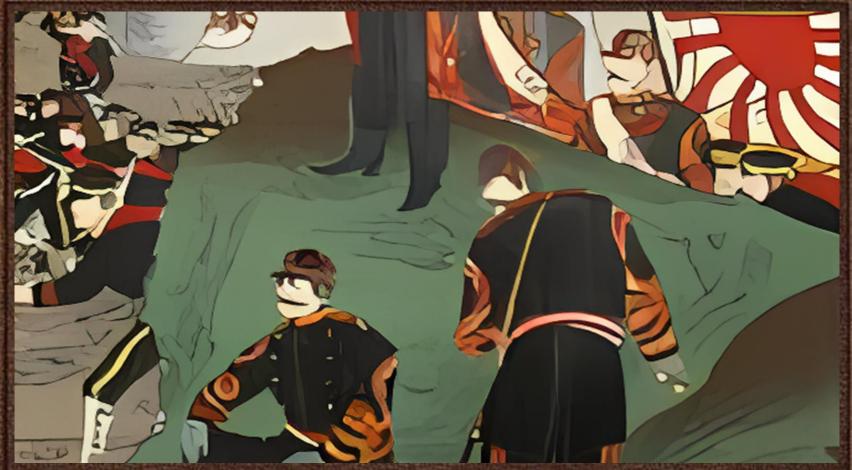














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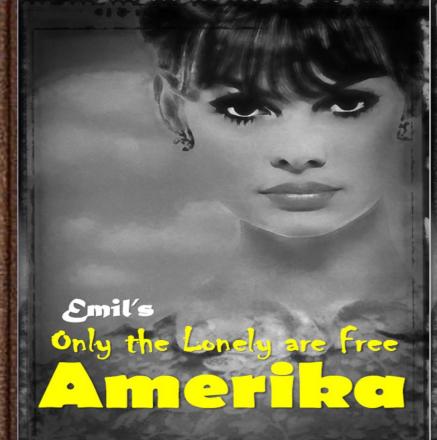
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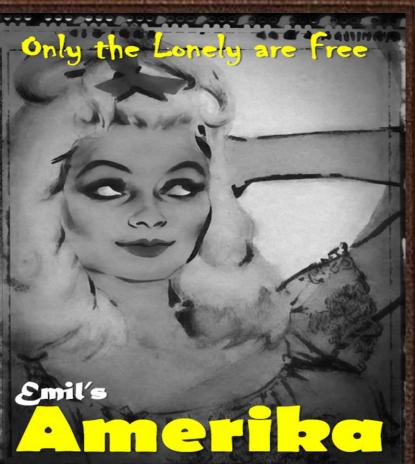
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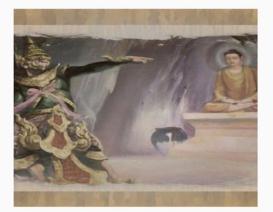
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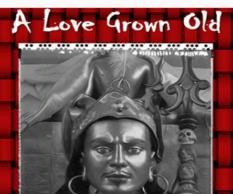
















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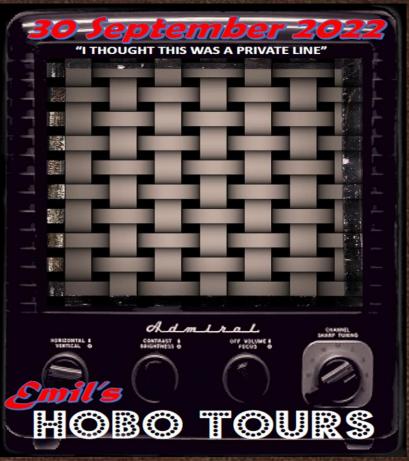
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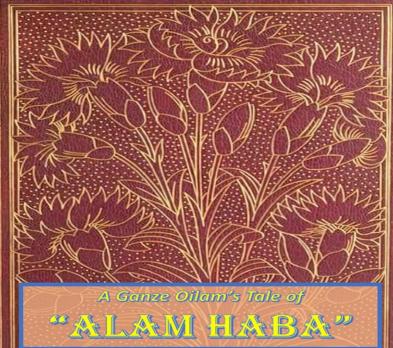
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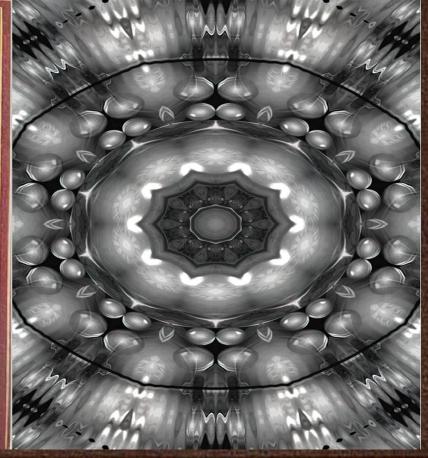




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